



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, the U.S. Peace Corps has become a strong symbol of our nation's commitment to progress, to create opportunity, and to expand development throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, over the past 44 years, more than 1,022 Idahoans have served our nation by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, American Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of 138 other countries; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Returned Volunteers, enriched by their work and life overseas, have brought to their communities throughout the state a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions; and

WHEREAS, today's 7,733 Peace Corps Volunteers-working as teachers, environmental specialists, health workers, business developers and agriculture advisors-demonstrate generosity, service, civic pride, a strong work ethic, and a dedication to the cause of peace with development; and

WHEREAS, Idaho's Peace Corps family does everything it can to wage peace through tolerance and understanding, within our borders, as well as throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps in its 44th year, and honor our current and past volunteers, and to reaffirm our state's commitment to tolerance and understanding as demonstrated by our Volunteers' examples;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim February 28 through March 6, 2005 to be

PEACE CORPS WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventh day of December in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne", is written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Ysursa", is written over a horizontal line.

BEN YSURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE